

Gateway Library News

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"Education is not the filling of a bucket but the lighting of a fire."

--William Butler Yeats

Tools of Change: eBooks are here!

With the start of a new academic year, I am pleased to welcome all our new and returning students, faculty and staff. The library offers several exciting new resources and enhanced services this fall. While the Library continues to add to its print volumes annually, access is increasingly provided to a range of e-resources. Our eBook collection continues to grow significantly. We currently have over 23,000 eBooks in our online catalog. There are approximately 41,000 print and audio-visual items on the Long Wharf Campus and 11,000 at the North Haven Campus plus the 23,000 e-books for a total of 75,000 items.

What exactly is an eBook? An eBook, (short for electronic book, also known as a digital book) is simply an electronic copy of a regular, printed book that can be read by using a personal computer, mobile phone, pda, or a device known as an eBook reader. E-books are growing in popularity in the book world and are playing an important part in education. **They are not meant to replace printed books; instead they provide an alternative reading choice for those who like technology.** They are available in a large number of formats which allow the digital texts to be read on the screen. The advantages over paper books include immediate access to titles as soon as they are purchased or downloaded, and the ability to search within the book. With modern mobile devices, they are more portable than heavy printed books, and most allow you to add digital bookmarks and make notes (<http://www.ebookmall.com/aboutebooks.htm>).

Gateway Library provides direct access to numerous eBook titles, and with your username and password, the library's website can connect you to them 24/7. There are several [devices](#) and mobile phone applications that are capable of reading eBooks and other digital publications. The Library has a Barnes & Noble **Nook** and an Amazon **Kindle**, and our librarians can show you how to read these eBooks on your laptops, computers or the above e-readers.

--Dr. Clara Ogbaa, Director of Library Services

Fall Library Workshops

The library will continue to offer free, open workshops on both campuses in the Fall Semester for students, faculty, and staff. Gateway librarians will conduct the hands-on workshops which will be held Thursday afternoons at 2:30p.m. Registration is available online through the library's website and walk-ins are welcome.

Long Wharf Campus

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>eBooks & eReaders</i>	9/16/10
<i>All about Google</i>	9/23/10
<i>Wikipedia</i>	9/30/10
<i>IL Learning Module in Blackboard Vista</i>	10/7/10
<i>Amazing Education Videos Online</i>	10/21/10
<i>LibGuides/LibAnswers</i>	10/28/10
<i>Citation & Plagiarism</i>	11/4/10
<i>Zotero – Online Citation Tool</i>	11/18/10
<i>Library Blog – Creating your own</i>	12/2/10

North Haven Campus

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<i>Wikipedia</i>	9/16/10
<i>eBooks & eReaders</i>	9/23/10
<i>All about Google</i>	9/30/10
<i>Amazing Education Videos Online</i>	10/7/10
<i>IL Learning Module in Blackboard Vista</i>	10/21/10
<i>Library Blog – Creating your own</i>	10/28/10
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Snapshot Day

During the Spring semester, the library took part in Snapshot Day - a project of the Connecticut Library Association, the Connecticut State Library and the Connecticut Library Consortium. On February 18th, public and academic libraries all over Connecticut took snapshots of their library, collected usage data, and recorded testimonials from library users to capture the impact Connecticut libraries have on their communities on a typical day. All the information and photos from the libraries that participated were gathered and posted online. Gateway library users spoke very positively about the library and staff. If you would like to read the comments, go to the website below.

<http://snapshotctlib.wordpress.com/comments-from-patrons/>

Librarian's Pick

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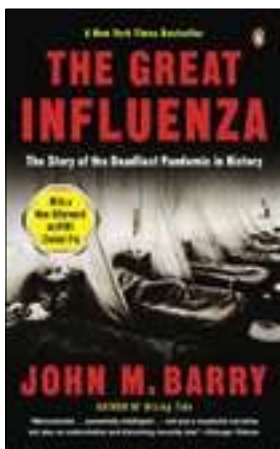
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Book Review



My father at the age of three lost his father in the winter of 1918 at the height of World War I. His death was not war related, although history has shown he was very much a casualty of a different type of world-wide battle. This was a total war waged by nature against man. It killed more in a year than the Black Death killed in a century. It killed more people in a period of twenty-four weeks than AIDS has killed in twenty-four years. In total this pandemic killed as many as 100 million people world-wide and it would have likely been an even greater catastrophe if not for the efforts of the many doctors and scientists who for the most part have remained relatively unknown and all but forgotten in history. William Henry Welch, Simon Flexner, Army Surgeon General William Gorgas, Oswald T. Avery, William Park, Anna Wessel Williams, Rufus Cole, and Paul A Lewis, are names only a few might recognize and yet without their monumental and dedicated efforts our lives today would surely be quite different. It was at this precise moment in history that medicine and its practitioners came of age.

The Great Influenza by John Barry is the complete chronicle of the first major collision between modern medical science and an unknown and deadly epidemic disease. At times the reading is disturbing as Barry weaves together the personal stories of some of the most brilliant medical minds of the day as they fought not only to control the pandemic but, even more importantly, to discover its cause. The Great Pandemic reads like a riveting crime novel with investigations and analysis leading most of time to dead ends as the mysterious killer "epidemic" continues to ravage a defenseless world community. Difficult to understand at times, the medical jargon can be confusing, the book is still capable of holding your attention as the medical mystery begins to unravel.

To study history is to prepare for the future and Barry's story leaves us to reflect on what future pandemics might bring. The recent H1N1 scare brought with it a stark reminder of what demands a pandemic of any size places on the medical establishment. In the end tragedies of this magnitude make us face the sobering and frightening thought of just how fragile our very existence is on this planet. And yet, The Great Influenza must be seen as man's ultimate triumph over the most serious epidemic a civilized people has ever encountered. It is somewhat comforting to note that when it mattered science was capable of dealing with the unpredictable and inevitable "chaos of nature".

- - John P. Scippa, Professor of English

This book is available in ebrary - the library's ebook database.

New Databases

Global Road Warrior: Covers 175 countries and includes information on demographics, the economy, holidays, currencies, visas, climate, passports, immunization, entry and departure, emergencies, internal travel information, country and regional maps, airports, international dialing guides, and more.

AtoZ Maps Online: Features thousands of maps on multidisciplinary subjects such as politics, geology, the environment, biology, and history. It includes climate change maps, hurricane maps, earthquake maps, volcano maps, fire maps, animal and plant species distribution maps, current events maps, political outline maps, and topographic maps. All maps can be printed or downloaded for educational use.

JSTOR's Language & Literature Collection: This collection includes PMLA and a range of core journals in the diverse fields of literary criticism that have emerged in the last thirty years.

North Haven Collection

This summer, several members of the library staff completed the interfiling of the reference books into the main collection at the North Haven campus library. The same project was undertaken and completed at the Long Wharf campus last summer with positive outcomes. Better visibility for the reference collection has resulted in a noticeable increase in usage and patrons can now view most books on a specific subject area in one central location in the library. Reference books are clearly marked with bright yellow stickers to distinguish them. This is just one more step the library has taken in upholding our mission to provide excellent public service to its users.

Staff Happenings

Library Professional Development

"Meeting Digital Natives Where They Are: New Standards for the New Student"

Several members of the library staff attended the annual conference of the New England Library Instruction Group, which was held at Yale University's lovely West Campus in Orange on June 4th. John Palfrey, Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Library and Information Resources at Harvard Law School, and co-author of *Born Digital*, was the keynote speaker. He talked about "Digital Natives"- those born after 1980— and what makes them so different from those of us not exposed to technology at a young age. According to Palfrey, it's essential that we understand the way they think and access information if we want to be more successful in meeting their information needs. The afternoon was devoted to breakout sessions on various topics relating to Information Literacy and Instruction. A truly informative and motivational day for all.

American Library Association Conference

The largest gathering of librarians held in the United States, the American Library Association's Annual Conference, was held in June in Washington, D.C. Library Director Dr. Clara Ogbaa and librarians Michael Cifferelli and Karen Kramer attended the conference, visiting many library product vendors who exhibited there, and also taking part in meetings, seminars, presentations, and even some volunteer service.

Please Welcome the Library's New Addition

Congratulations to Beth Rogers-Ho, evening and Saturday librarian, and her husband, on the birth of their daughter, Elaina Lang. Elaina was born on Feb. 26th, weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz., and measuring 19 3/4" long. Mom and baby are both doing well and Elaina's big brother Reid is really ecstatic to have a new playmate. We wish them all the best!

Beth and Elaina enjoying the outdoors.



Student Focus

This month's student focus is on two of the library's work study students- Saneisha Banton and Kerry-Ann Jackson. Both have been working at the library for several semesters and perform various essential tasks including helping students reset their passwords, processing and shelving books, and manning the circulation desk. Saneisha and Kerry-Ann are both from the St. Catherine area of Jamaica but never met until after coming to the United States in 2008. They were brought here by their grandmothers who wanted them to get a college education which is usually very expensive in Jamaica. There is also no financial aid available for students in Jamaica and anyone wanting to apply for student loans must stand in line for many hours. Kerry-Ann is majoring in Restaurant Management and plans on transferring to UNH after graduating. Saneisha is major in Child Psychol-



Saneisha (left) and Kerry-Ann at work in the library.

gy and plans to transfer to SCSU and to pursue a doctorate degree. Both have made the Dean's list, volunteered at Graduation, and served as New Student Orientation leaders. When asked what they missed most about Jamaica, they replied, "family, the weather, the blue water, and the white sandy beaches". I'm sure these two affable and bright young women are also missed, but for now, we are very happy to have them.

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Discover & Learn
@
GWCC Library***

The library newsletter is now available online. Go to the library's homepage and click on the "Newsletter" link to view all editions.



Library staff members welcome our students, faculty and staff to the new academic year.

*Your library just got better!
Stop by for all your information &
research needs.*

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Fall Semester Hours

Long Wharf

Mon - Thu 7:45-8:00
Fri 7:45-6:00
Sat 9:00-3:00

North Haven

Mon - Thu 8:00-8:00
Fri 8:00-3:00